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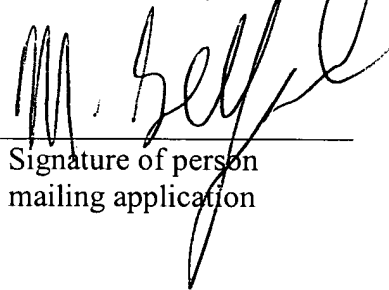
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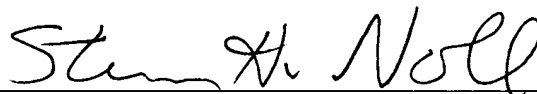
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Under the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.41 (c), I am filing the attached application with 35 claims, 4 sheets of drawings, an unexecuted declaration, and filing fee on behalf of VOLKMAR HAMACHER and TORSTEN NIEDERDRANK and request that the application papers be assigned a serial number and filing date.

On behalf of the inventor(s), I hereby claim priority from German Application No. 102 49 416.9 filed October 23, 2002

I request that the application be assigned a Serial No. and Filing Date pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f).

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